

Board of Governors Report to the Rochester Philatelic Association Membership

June 13, 2013 by President Tom Fortunato

In accordance with the By Laws of the RPA, specifically Article 6.1.3 regarding the annual RPA Business Meeting, I make the following traditional annual report on behalf of the Board of Governors.

The order of business for the Annual Business Meeting is:

a) Report of the Board of Governors.	<u>2012-13 Officers</u>	
b) Report of the Treasurer.	President Tom Fortunato	<u>Board Members</u>
c) Report of the Auditing Committee.	Vice President: Ray Stone	Rick Kase (to June 30, 2013)
d) Results of elections.	Secretary: Frank Tritto	Bob Kingston (to June, 2014)
e) Unfinished business.	Treasurer: Dave Robinson	Chuck Schultz (to June 2015)
f) New business.		

2012-2013 Meeting Schedule and Topics were:

2012
Thursday, Sep 13..... Welcome Back
Saturday, Sep 22..... Check Out the Brighton Reformed Church, 2-5 PM at Brighton Reformed Church, 805 Blossom Rd
Thursday, Oct 11..... "Faces of Owls" live presentation by John Babbitt
Saturday, Oct 27..... Live Auction and Stamp Kiloware, 2-5 PM at Brighton Reformed Church, 805 Blossom Rd
Thursday, Nov 8..... RPA Centennial and ROPEX Discussion
Thursday, Dec 13..... "Woldenberg POW Philately Part 1" web presentation by Ray Stone 2003

2013
Thursday, Jan 10..... "Woldenberg POW Philately Part 2" by Ray Stone
Thursday, Jan 24..... "World War II on Stamps Part 1" PowerPoint presentation by Luis Greiff, Jr.
Thursday, Feb 14..... "World War II on Stamps Part 2" by Luis Greiff, Jr.
Thursday, Feb 28..... Linn's 2012 Popularity Poll
Tuesday, Mar 12..... 100th Anniversary Banquet (Locust Hill Country Club, by invitation)
Thursday, Mar 14..... Celebrating our 100th Anniversary
Thursday, Mar 28..... "Norden Stamp Series (1953-2012)" PowerPoint presentation by Fred Haynes
Thursday, Apr 11..... ROPEX Discussion
Thursday, Apr 25..... Everyone-A-Dealer Night
Thursday, May 9..... ROPEX Discussion and Fall Meeting Programs
Thursday, May 23..... "Queen Victoria Era Stamps of St. Lucia" PowerPoint presentation by Scott Martz
Thursday, Jun 13..... Annual Business Meeting
Thursday, Jun 27..... Season End Strawberry Festival

Highlights this year:

- Club membership continues to increase, with 99 members as of the close of this season.
- We officially moved our meeting location to the Brighton Reformed Church thanks to Dave Robinson.
- Back issues of Hinges & Tongs continue to be scanned by Larry Rausch and added to our club's web site.
- Philatelic displays were assembled by Fred Haynes at the Brighton and Pittsford Libraries in May.
- The RPA celebrated its centennial with a banquet at Locust Hill Country Club on Tuesday, March 12 with 48 members and 32 guests in attendance. It was the exact anniversary date of the club's founding.
- ROPEX/NTSS 2013 took place May 17-19, a joint production of the RPA and American Topical Association. It was held at a new venue, the Main Street Armory, as the Sports Centre in Henrietta was under renovation. A total of 46 dealers attended, with the RPA and ATA each having 130 frames of competitive exhibits. The club's profit from the show was roughly \$6,000, \$2,800 of which was spent beforehand to purchase new Plexiglas, metal stands and clips to prepare all of our 250 exhibit frames for it.
- Special thanks to all club members who volunteered tirelessly this past year to make these two banner events a reality.

Respectfully,

Thomas M. Fortunato, President